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Enter Sussex, and Lo: Chamberlaine.

Suffex.

Ood morrow my good Lord Chamberlaine.

Cham: Many good morrowes to my good Lord of Sussex,

Suff. Whose with the Queene my Lord.

Cha: The Cardinall of Winchester: The Lord of Tame: the good Lord Shendors: and besides,

Lo: Howard, Sir Henry Bening feild, and divers others.

Suff: A word my Lord in private.

Enter Tame and Shaudoyse.

Shan: Touching the Queene my Lord who now fite hye, What thinks the realme of Phillip th' Emperours sonne,

A marriage by the Counsell treated of?

Tame: Pray god't proone well.

Suff: Good morrow Lords.

Tame: Good morrow my good Lord of Suffex.

Shan: I cry your Honors mercy.

Cham: Good morrow to the Lords of Tame and Shandoyfe.

Tame: The like to you my Lord: As you were speaking.

Enter Lord Howard and Sir Henry Beningfield.

Bening: Concerning Wyat and the Kentish rebels,
Their ouer-throw is past: The rebell Dukes that sought
By all meanes to proclaime Queene Iane, cheifely Norhumberland,
For Gilfords sake, he for it his brother Duke vnto that warre,

But each one had his merite,

Howard: Oh my Lord,

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The lawe proceeded gainst their great offence, And tis not well since they have suffered sudgment, That we should rayse their scandall being dead, Tis impious, not by true sudgment bread.

Suff: Good morrow my Lord, good morrow good Sir Henry.

Bening: Pardon my Lord, I fawe you not till now.

Chamb: Good morrow good Lord Howard,

How: Your honors; The like to you my Lords.

Tame: With all my hart Lord Howard.

Cham. Forward I pray.

Suff: The suffolke men my Lord, was to the Queene

The very stayres, by which she did ascend: Shee's greatly bound vnto them for their loues.

Enter Cardinall of Winchester.

Winch: Good morrow Lords, attend the Queene into the pre-Suff: Your dutyes Lords- (sence.

Exemt omnes, Enter Tame bearing the purse: Shandoyse the Mace: Howard the Septer; Suffex the Crowne: then the Queene; after her the Cardinall, Sentlo, Gage, and attendants.

Quee: By gods affistance and the power of heaven, We are instated in our brothers throane, And all those powers, that war'd against our right, By helpe of heaven and your freindly ayde, Disper'st and sled, heere may we sit secure, Our heart is joyfull Lords, our peace is pure.

Exter Dads.

Dodds: I doe beech your Maicsty peruse this poore peticion.
Quee: O master Dodds we are indebted to you for your love,
You stood vs in great stead even in our ebb
Of fortune, when our hopes were neere declined,
And when our state did beare the lowest saile,
Which we have reason to requite we know;
Read his peticion my good Lord Cardinall.

Dodds: Oh gratious Soueraigne, let my Lord the Duke haire The peruling of it, or any other that is necre your grace, He will be to our fuit an opposite.

Winch: And reason sellow.

Madam,

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Madam, here is a large recital & vpbrayding of your highness Sourraignty, the Suffolke men that lifted you to the throne, and heere possessyon, claime your promise you made them about re-

ligion.

Dodds: True gracious Soueraigne; But that we doe vpbrayd your Maiesty, Or make recitall of our deedes forepast, Other then conscience, honesty and zeale, By loue, by faith, and by our dutie bound, To you the next and true successive heyre, If you contrary this; I needs must fay, Your skillesse tongue doeth make our well tun'd words, Iarr in the Princesse earcs, and of our text, You make a wronge construction: Gratious Queene, Your humble subjects prostrate in my mouth, A generall fuit when we first flockt to you. And made first head with you at Fromagham, Twas thus concluded, that we your leigemen Should still enjoy our consciences, and vse that faith Which in King Edwards dayes was held Canonicall.

Winch: May't please your highnes note the Comons insolence

They tye you to conditions, and let lymits to your liking.

Quee: They shall know,

To whome their faithfull dutyes they doe owe, Synce they the lymbes, the head would seeke to sway, Before they gouerne, they shall learne t'obay: See it seuerely ordred Winehester.

Wineb: Away with him, it shalbe throughly scand, And you uppon the pillory, three dayes to stand. (Exit Dodds.

Ben: Has not your fifter (Gracious Queene) a hand In these peticions; well your highnes knowes

She is a favorite of these heretiques.

Winch: And well remembred, is't not probable That she in Wyats expedition,

And other infurrections lately queld,

Was a confederate; if yo ur highnes will your owne estate preserve.
You must foresee fore-danger, and cut off all such

As would your laftie prejudice.

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Bening: Such is your fifter,

A meere opposite to vs in our opinion, and besides Shees next Successive, should your maiesty dye ysfules, Which heauen defend.

Omnes: Which heaven defend.

Bening: The state of our religion would decline.

Quee: My Lords of Tame and Shandoyfe, You two shall have a firme Commission seal'd. To fetch our fister young Elizabeth From Ashbridge where shee lyes, and with a band Of armed fouldiers to conduct her vp to London,

Where we will heare her.

Sentlo: Gratious Queene, the only craves but to behold your face, That she might cleare her selfe of all supposed treasons, Still protesting, the is as true a Subject to your Grace, As liues this day.

Winch: Doe not you heare, with what a sawcye impudence,

This Sentlow heere prefumes.

Quee: Away with him, ile teach him know his place, To frowne when we frowne, smile on whome we grace. Winch: Twilbe a meanes to keepe the rest in awe,

Making their foueraignes brow, to them a lawe.

Quee: All those that seeke our sisters cause to fauour,

Let them be lodged.

Winch: Young Courtney earle of Denonsbire,

Seemes cheifly to affect her faction,

Quee: Commit him to the Tower,

Till time affordes vs and our Counsell breathing space. A Horno within-

Whence is that Post? Const: My Soueraigne, It is from Southampton.

Quee: Our Secretary, vnseale them and returne

Vs present answere of the contents; Whats the mayne busines?

(fbe fpeakes to the (Lo: Constable.

Const, That Phillip Prince of Spaine. Sonne to the Emperour, is fafey ariu'd, Audlanded at Southamptois.

Quee: Prepare to meete him Lords with all our Pompe, How: Prepare you Lords with our fayre Queene to ride,

And his high princely state let no man hide.

Queen. Set forward Lord, this sudden newes is sweete,
Two royall Louers on the way may meete. Exeunt omnes.

Enter M. Gage, and a Gentlewomen.

Gage. Good morrow Mistresse, came you from the Princesse? Wam: Master Gage, I did.

Gage. How faresher Grace?

Wom: O wondrous crazey, gentle master Gage,

Her sleepes are all vnquiet: and her head

Beats and growes giddy with continuall griefe.

Gage. God grant her comfort, and release her paine.

So good a Ladie few on earth remaine.

Enter the Clowne.

Clowne. O Arme, arme, arme.

Gage. How now what's the matter?

Clown: O Lord the house is befet, souldiers are as hote as fire,

Are ready to enter every hole about the house,

For as I was a'th toppe of the stacke, the sound of the drumme. Hott me such a Box a'th Eare, that I came tumbling downe, The stacke with a thousand byllets a'th top on me, looke about, And helpe for Gods sake.

Gage. Heaven guard the Princesse, grant that all be well, This drumme I feare, will prooue her passing-bell.

Enter Tame and Shandoy fe with fouldiedrs, drum, &c.

Tame. Whei's the Princesse?

Gage. O my honor'd Lords,

(May I with reuerence presume to aske)

What meanes these armes: why doe you thus begirt,

A poore weake Lady, neere at point of death?

Shand: Resolue the Princesse we must speake with her.

Wom: My Lords, know there is no admirance to her prefence, without the leave first granted from her selfe.

Tame. Goe tell her, we must and will.

Wom: Ile certifie so much.

Exit woman.

Gage: My Lords as you are honourably borne,

As you did loue her father, or her brother,

As

As you doe owe aleagence to the Queene, In pittie of her weaknes and low state, VVith best of fauour, her commisserate.

Enter Woman.

Wom: Her Grace intreates you but to flay till morne? And then your message shall be heard at full.

Shand: Tis from the Queene, and we will speake with her.

Wom: Ile certifie so much,

Tame: It shall not neede, presse after her my Lord.

Enter Elizabeth in her bed, Dostor Owing
and Dostor Wendith.

Elia. VVe are not pleat'd with your intrusions Lords, is your hast such, or your affaires to vigent, That suddenly, and at this time of night, You presse on me, and will not stay till morne?

Tame: Sorry wee are sweete Lady to behold you in this sad Eliz. And I my Lords not glad. (plight.

My heart, oh how it beats,

Shand: Madam, our melluage and our dutie from our Queene,

VVe come to tender you: It is her pleafure,

That you the 7. day of this moneth appeare at Westminster.

Eliz. At Westminster? My Lords no soule more glad then I.

To doe my duetie to her Maiftie,

But I am forry at the heart, my heart, oh good Doller rayle me? Oh my heart, I hope my Lords, confidering my extremitie and weaknes, you will dispence a little with your hast.

Tame. Doctor Owin, and Doctor Wenduh.

You are the Queenes Physicions truely swornes.
On your alleagance, as before her highnesse you will answere it,
Speake, may the Princesse be remoon d with life?

D.Owin. Not without danger Lords, yet without death, Her feauer is not mortall; yet you see into what danger

It hath brought the Princesse.

Shand: Is your opinion-fo?

D. Wend. My Indement is, not deadly, but yet dangerous, No sooner shall she come to take the ayre
But she will faint, and if not well prepar'd and attended,
Her life is in much danger.

Tame:

Tame: Madam, we take no pleasure to deliuer So strict a messuage.

Eliz. Nor I my Lords to heare a messuage deliuerd with such strictnes; well, must I goe?

Shand: So sayes the Queene. Eliz, VVhy then it must be so?

Tame: To morrow earely then you must prepare.

Eliz: Tis many a morrow fince my feeble leggs,

Felt this my bodies waight: O I shall faint,

And if I take the rawnelle of the ayre, I am but dead, indeed I am but dead.

Tis late, conduct these Lords vato their chambers,

And cheere them well, for they have iorneyd hard,

VVhil'st we prepare vs for our morrowes lorney.

Shand. Madam, the Queene hath sent her Litter for you.

Eliz. The Queene is kind, and we will striue with death,

To tender her our life,

VVe are her subject and obey her hest.

Good night, we wish you what we want,

Good reft.

Exennt ownes.

Enter Queene Mary, Philip, and all the Nobles; but Tame, and Shandoy sc.

Queen: Thus in the face of heauen, and broad eye of all the We give a welcome to the Spanish Prince; (multitude, Those plausiue shouts which give you entertaine,

Ecchoes as much to the Almighties eares,

And there they found with pleasure, and excels

The claymorous trumpets, and loud ringing bells.

Phil. Thrife excellent and euer gracious Princesse,

Doubly famous for vertue and for beautie,

We imbrace your large stretcht honors with the armes of loue;

Our royall Mariage, treated first in heaven

To be solemniz'd here, both by Gods voyce,

And by our loues consent, we thus embrace:

Now Spaine and England two populous Kingdomes,

That have a long time been oppord

In hostile emulation, shall be at one:

This shalbe Spanish England, ours English Spaine.

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Queen. Harkothe redoubling ecchoes of the people, (Floriff. How it proclaymes their loues; and welcome to this Vnion.

Phil. Then here before the Pillars of the Land, We doe embrace and make a publique contract. Our foules are joyfull, then bright Heauens sinile, Whil'st we proclayme our new united Stile.

Quee. Read Suffex.

Suffex reads.

Philip and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queene of England, Spayne, France, and Ireland; King and Queene of Naples, Sciscillia, Leon & Aragon, Arch-duke & Dusches of Astria, Burgondy, of Brabant, Zeland, of Holland: Prince and Princesse of Sweaue, Count and Countesse Hasburdge, Maliorca, Sardinia, of the street Land, and the maine Ocean Sea; Palatins of Ierusalem, of Henolt; Lord and Lady of Freeteland, and of the Isles: And Gouerner and Gouernesse of all Africa, and Asia.

Omnes. Long live the King and Queene.

A florish.

King, & Quee: We thanke you all.

Con: VVhen please your Highnesse to solemnize this your Nuprials?

Quee: The 25 day of this month July.

Phil: It likes vs well: but royall Queene we want

One Lady at this high folemnitie:

VVe haue a fister cal'd Elszabeth,

VVhose vertues and endowments of the mind;

Hath fil'd the cares of Spaine.

Winch. Great are the causes, now too long to say,

VVhy shee my Soueraigne should be kept away.

Con: The Lord of Tume, and Shandoy se are return'd.

Enter Tame and Shandoy se, and Gage.

Quee: How fares our Sifter? Is the come along?

Tame: VVe found the Princesse sicke, and in great dangers -

Yet did wevrge out frickt Comm flion:

She much intreated that she might be spar'd,

Vntill her health and strength may be restor'd.

Shan. Two of your Highneste Doctors we then cal'd,

And

And charg'd them, as they would answere it, To tell the truth, if that our journeys toyle Might be no prejudice vnto her life; Or if we might with safetie bring her thence: They answered, that we might; we did so, Here she is, to doe her durie to your Maiestie.

Quee: Let her attend, we will find time to heare her.

Phil. But royall Queene, yet for her vertues sake, Deeme her offences, if she have offended,

With all the lenitie a Sister can.

Que: My Lord of Winchester, my Lord of Suffex, Lord Howard, Tame, and Shandoyse, Take you Commission to examine her Of all supposed Crimes; so to our Nuprials.

Phil. What Festivall more royall hath been seene, Than twist Spaines Prince, and Englands Royall Queene.

Enter Elizabeth, her Gentlewoman, and Excunt.
three Houshol servants.

Eliz. Is not my Gentleman Viher yet return'd?

Wom. Madam, not yet.

Elizi O God, my fearc hath been good phisicke,
But the Queens displeasure, that hath cur'd my bodies imperfeHath made me hart sick, brain sick, & sick euen to death: (Stion, What are you?

Your husbold Officers, and humble servants, Who now your house faire Princesse is dissoluted. And quite broke vp. come to attend you grace.

Etz: We thanke you, and am more indebted for your loues, Than we have power, or vertue to requite, Alas I am all the Queens, yet nothing of my felfe, Bu God and Innocence, be you my Patrons & defend my cause. Why weepe you Gentlemen?

Cookes. Not for our felues, men are not made to weepe. At their owne fortunes, our eyes are made of fire, And to extract water from fire is hard, Nothing but fuch a Princeffe griefe as yours, So good a Ladie, and so beautifull, so absolute a Mistresse, And perfect, as you have ever been,

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Haue power to do't, your forrow makes vs sad.

Elize My Innocence yet makes my heart as light,
As my front's heauie: all that heauen sends is welcome.

Gentlemen divide these sew crownes amongst you,
I am now a prisoner, and shall want nothing,
I haue some friends about her Maiestie,
That are providing for me all things, all things:
I, even my grave, and being possest of that,
I shall need nothing; weepe not I pray,
Rather you should reioyce:
If I miscarrie in this enterprise, and aske you why,
A Virgine and a Martyr both I die.

Enter Gage.

Gage. He that first gaue you life, protect that life,

From those that wish your death.

Eliz: Whats my offence? who be my accusers?

Gage. Madam, that the Queen and Winchester best knowes.

Eliza What sayes the Queene vnto my late petition?

Gage. You are deny'd that grace:

Her Maiestie will not admit you conference,

Sir William Semlo viging that motion.

Was first committed, since sent to the Tower.

Madam, in briefe your foes are the Quenes friends,

Your friends her foes,

Six of the Counsell are this day appointed,

To examine you of certaine Articles.

Eliz: They shalbe welcome; my God in whome I trust,

Will helpe, deliver, faue, defend the iust.

Enter Winchester, Susjex, Howard, Tame, Shandoyse, and Constable.

Suff: All forbeare this place unless the Princesse.

Winch: Madam, we from the Queene are joyned (They fit: in full Commission.

(she kneels.)

Suff: By your favour good my Lord ere you proceed, Madam, although this place doth tye you to this reuerence, It becomes not you being a Princesse, to deiest your knee, Achaite there.

Eliz: My dutie with my fortunes doc agree,

And

And to the Queene in you I bend my knee.

Suff: You shall not kneele where Suffex fits in place,

The Chamber keeper, a chaire there for her Grace.

Winch: Madani, perhaps you censure hardly,

That twas enfoc't in this Commission.

Eliz: Know you your owne guilt my good Lord Chancellor.

That you accuse your selfe, I thinke not so,

I am of this minde, no man is my foe.

Winch: Madam, I would you wold submit vnto her highnes.

Eliz: Submit my Lord of Winchester, tis fie

That none but base offenders should submit

No no my Lord, I casily spie your drift,

Hauing nothing whereon you can accuse me,

Doe seeke to haue my selfe, my selfe betray,

So by my selfe my owne blood should be spile.

Confesse submission, I confesse a guilt.

Tame. What answere you to Wiats late rebellion,

Madam, tis thought that you did fet them on.

Eliz: Who is't will fay fo? men may much suspect.

Rut yet my Lord, none can my life detect,

I a confederate with those kentish rebels?

If I ere faw or fent to them, let the Queene take my head,

Hath not proud Wyat suffered for his offence?

And in the purging both of soule and bodie for heaven,

Did Wyat then accuse Elizabeth?

Suff: Madam, he did note

Eliz: My reverent Lord I know it:

How: Madam, he would not.

Elize Oh my good Lord, he could not.

Suff: The fameday Frogmorion was arrain'd in the Guild-hall,

It was imposed on him, whether this Princesse had a hand

With him or no; he did denie it,

Cleer'd her fore his death, yet accus dothers.

Eliz: My God be pray? d, this is newes but of a minute old.

Shand. What answere you to Sir Peter Carer in the west.

The westerne Rebels.

Ehz. Aske the vnborne Infant, see what that will answere,

For that and Lare both alike in guilt.

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Let not by rigour innocent bloud be spilt.

Winch: Come Madam, answere briefely to these treasons.

Eliz: Treason my Lords, if it be treason to be daughter To th'Eight Henrie, Sister to Edward, and the next of blood vnto my gratious Soueraigne now the Queene, I am a Traitor: If not, I spirat treason.

In Henries raigne this law could not have flood,

O God that we should suffer for our blood.

Conft. Madam, the Queen must heare you sing another song Before you part with vs.

Eliz. My God doth know, I can no note but truth,

That with Heauens King

One day in quiers of Angels Ishall fing.

Winch. Then Madam, you'le not submit, Eliz. My life I will, but not as guiltie:

My Lords, let pale offendors pardon craue, If we offend, Law's rigour let vs haue.

Winch: You are stubborne, come let's certifie the Queene.

Tame. Rowme for the Lords there.

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Eliz: Thou power eternall, Innocents iust guide, (Counfellis That swayes the Scepter of all Monarchies, Protect the guiltlesse from these rauening lawes,

Protect the guittelle from thele rauening lawes, That hidious death presents, by Tyrants lawes, And as my heart is to thee most pure,

Graunt me release, or patience to endure.

Enter Gage and Servants.

Gage. Madam, we your poore humble servants, Made bold to presse into your Graces presence,

To know how your cante goes.

How can a cause goe ill with Innocents,
They that to whome wrongs in this world are done,
Shalbe rewarded in the world to come.

Manual and to me l'en Enter the fito Counfellors.

Wineh: It is the pleasure of her Maiestie, That you be straight committed to the Tower.

Eliz. The Tower! for what?

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ged,

Winch: Moreouer all your hourhold feruants we have dichar-

Thus did the Queene commaund,
And for your guard, a hundred Northen white cotes
Are appoyined to conduct you thither,
To night ruto your chamber, to morrow early prepare
You for the Tower, your bardge stands ready
To conduct you thyther.

To conduct you thyther.

Quee: Oh god my hart: A prisoner in the Tower,

Speake to the Queene my Lords, that some other place

May lodge her fifter, that's too vild, too base.

Suff: Come my Lords, lett's all ioyne in one petcion To the Queene, that she may not be lodg'd within the Tower.

Winch: My Lord, you know it is in vaine,

For the Queenes sentence is definitiue,

And we must see't perform'd.

Eliz. Then to our chamber comfortlesse and sad, To morrow to the Tower that satall place, Where I shall never behold the sunness bright sace.

Suff: Now god forbid, a better hap heaven fend: Thus men may mourne for what they cannot mend.

(Excunt (Omnes.

Enter three white-cote fouldiers with a Iack of beere.

1: Come my masters you know your chardge, tis now about A leaven, here we must watche till morning,

And then carry the Princesse to the tower.
2: How shall we spend the time till morning?

3: Masse weele dinck and talke of our frendes.

2: I but my fiende, do not talke of state matters.

1: Not I, ile not meddle with the state, I hope this a man may say without offence, Prethee drincke to me.

3: With all my hart yfayth, this a man might lawfully speake, But now, faith what wast about to say.

1: Masse I say this; That the LadyElizabeth is both a Lady, And Elizabeth, and if I should say she were a vertuous Princesse, Were there any harme in that?

2: No by my troth, ther's no harme in that, But beware of talking of the Princesse, Let's meddle with our kindred, there we may be bold,

1: Well

And would not send her to prison for a million, is there any line and would not send her to prison for a million, is there any line and in this? ile keepe my selfe within compas I warrant you,

For I do not talk of the Queene, I talke of my sisters,
Ile keepe my selfe within my compas I warrant you.

3: I but Sir, that word sister goes hardly downe,

1: Why Sir, I hope a man may be bold with his owne,
I learn'd that of the Queene, ite keepe my selfe within compas

2: I but Sir, why is the Princesse committed?

1: It may be she doth not know her selfe,
It may be the Queene knowes not the cause,
It may be my lord of Winchester does not know,
It may be so, nothings uppossible to god,
It may be ther's knauery in Monckery,
Ther's nothing uppossible, is there any harme in that?

2: Shoomaker, you goe alittle beyond your last.

1: Why, in faying nothing's vnpossible to god,
I'e stand to it; for faying a truth's a truth, ile prooueit;
For faying there may be knauery in Monckery, ile instyfic it,
I do not fay there is, but may be, I know what I know,
You know what you know, he knowes what he knowes,
Marry we know not what every may knowes.

3: My masters, we have talkt so long that I thinke tis day.

1: Ithinke so too, is there any harme in all this?

2: No harme ith world.

3: And I thinke by this time the Princesse is ready

To take her barge.

He warrant you.

1: Come then let's goe, would all were well,
Is there any harme in all this? but alay wishes and seares.
Haue both one property, they shew their loue that
want the remedy.

(Exeunt (Omnes.

Enter Winchester and Bening field,
Winch: Did you not marke what a pitious eye she cast
To the Queenes window as she past a long?
Fayne she would have stayd, but that I caus'd
The bargmen to make hast and row away.
Bening: The bargemen were too desperate my Lord,

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yon know no bodie.

In staying till the water was so lowe, For then you know, being underneath the bridge, The barges sterne did strike upon the ground, And was in danger to have dround us all.

Winch: Well she hath scapt that danger,
Would she but conforme her selfe in her opinion,
She only might rely vpon my loue,
To winne her to the fauour of the Queene.

Bening: But that will neuer be, this is my cenfure, If she be guitly in the least degree, May all her wronges surviue and light on here. If other wayes that she be cleered, Thus both wayes I wish her downe, Or els her state to rayse.

Enter Suffex, Tame, Howard, Shandoyfe, and Gage.

Suff: Why doth the Princelle keepe her barge so longe, Why lands she not? Some one goe see the cause.

Gage: That shall be my charge my Lord. (Exit Gage.

Suf: Oh me my Lords, her state is wondrous hard, I have seene the day, my hand ide not have lent To bring my Soueraignes Sister to the Tower:

Good my Lords, stretch your commission To do this Princesse but some little fatiour.

Shan: My Lord, my lord, let northe loue we beare the Princesse, Incurre the Queenes displeasure, tis no dallying with matters of

Estate, who dates gaine-say the Queene?

Suff: Marry a God not I, no, no, not I;
Yet who shall hinder these my eyes to sorrow
For her forrow: By Gods marry decre;
That the Queene could not, though horselfe were heere:
My Lords, my Lords, if it were held sowle treason,
To grieue for her hard vsage, by my soule
My eyes would hardly prooue me a rme subjecte
But tis the Queenes pleasure, and we must obay:
But I shall mourae, should the Kingand Queene say nay.

Enter Gage.

Gage: My gricued Mistresse humbly thus intreata,

For

Forto remooue backe to the Common stayres,
And not to land where Traytors put to shore,
Some difference she intreates your Honors make
Twixt Christall Fountayne, and sowle muddy Springs,
Twixt those that are condemned by the law,
And those whome Treasons staine did neuer blemish:
Thus she attends your answere, and sits still
Whilst her wet eyes full many a teare dyd spill.

Suff. Marry a God, tis true and tis no reason: Lanch Bargeman, Good Lady, land where Traytors vse to land,

And fore her guilt be proou'd, Gods marry no, And the Queene wils it, that it should be so.

Shan: My Lord, you must looke into our Commission,
No fauo'rs granted, she of force must land,
Tis a decree which we cannot withstand,
So tell her master Gage.

Exit Gage.

Suff: As good a Lady as ere England bread, Would he that caus'd this woe, had loft his head. Enter Gage, Elizabeth and Clarentia her

genilememau.

Gage: Madam, you have stept too short into the water, Eliz: No marter where I tread,
Would where I fet my foote, there lay my head,
Land Traytor-like; my foot's wet in the slood,
So shall my heart ere long be drench; in blood.

Enter Canstable.

Winch: Here comes the Constable of the Tower, This is your charge.

Const: And I receive my prisoner, come will you goe?

Eliz: Whither my Lord, vnto a grate of Iron,

Where greife and care my poorehart shall entiron,

I am not well.

Suss: A chayre for the Princesse.

Const: Here's no chayre for prisoners,.

Come will you see your chamber.

Elize Then on this stone this cold stone will I sit; I needes must say you hardly me intreate, When for a chayre, this hard stone is my feate.

Sufs.

Sufs: My Lord, you deale too cruelly with the Princesse, You knew her father, shee's no stranger to you.

Tame: Madam it raynes.

Sufs: Good Lady take my cloake.

Eliz: No let it alone: See gentle-men,

The pitious heauens weepes teares into my bosome,
On this cold stone I fit, raine in my face,
But better heere, than in a worser place
Where this bad man will lead me.

Clarentia: Reach my booke, now leade me where you please

From fight of day; or in a dungeon; I shall see to pray.

Sufi: Nay, nay, you need not bolt and locke to fast, Ezit Eliz: Shee is no starter; honorable Lords, Gage: Claren: Speake to the Queene she may have some release. Consta:

Enter Constable.

Const: So, so, let me alone, let me alone to coope her, Ile vse her so, the Queene shall much commend My diligent care.

How: Where have you left the Princesse?

Const: Where the is fafe ynough I warrant you, I have not graunted her the priviledge
Of any walke, or garden, or to ope
Her windowes, casements to receive the ayre,

Sufs: My Lord, my lord, you deale without respect,

And worfe than your Commission can maintane.

Const: My Lord, I hope I know my office well, And better than your felfe within this place, Then teach not me my dutie, she shalbe vsd so still, The Queene commaunds, and ile obay her will,

Sufi: But if this time should alter, marke me well, Could this be answer'd, could it sellowe Pecres? I thinke not so.

Const. Tush, tush, the Queene is yong likely to bears. Ofher owne body a more royall heyre.

Futer Gage:

Gage: My Lords the Princesse humbly entreats,
That her owne servants may be are up her dyet;
A company of base uncutord slaves,

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Whose



Whose hands did neuer serue a Princesse boord, Doe take that priviledge,

Const: Twas my appoint ment, and it shall be so.
Suss: Gods marry deere, but it shall not be,
Lord Howard joyne with me, weele to the king.

Enter fouldiers with diffes.

Gage. Stay good my Lords for instance, see they come, If this be seemely, let your honours indge.

Suff. Come, come my Lords, why doe we stay so long,

The Queenes high fauour shall amend this wrong.

Const: Now fir, what have you got by your complaying, you common finde-fault; what, is your Mittresse stoomacke so queasie? our honest and Gage, souldiers must not touch her meat, then let her fast:

I know her stoomacke will come downe at last.

Enter souldiers with more dishes, Gage takes one from them.

Gage. Vntutor'd flaue, lle ease thee of this burthen, Her highmesse scornes to touch the dishe Her servants brings not vp.

Her servants brings not vp.

Const. Presume to touch a dish, ile lodge thee there

Where thou shalt see no sunne for one whole yeare: Exit: Const.

Gage: I would to God you would, in any place of souldiers.

Where I might live from thought of her disgrace.

O thou all-seeing heavens, with pitious eyes,

Looke on thoppressions of their cruckie!

Let not thy truth, by falshoold be oppress,

But let her vertues shyne and give her rest,

Confound the sleights, and practise of those mem,

Whose pride doe kicke against thy seat of heaven.

But let her vertues shyne and giue her rest,
Confound the sleights, and practise of those mem.
Whose pride doe kicke against thy seat of heaven.
Oh draw the courtaines from their filthy sinne,
And make them soath the hell which they live in.
Prosper the Princesse, and her life desend,
A glorious comsort to her troubles send.
If ever thou hadst pitie, heare my prayer,
And give releasement to a Princes care.

Exit Gage.

A dumbe show. Enter sixe with Torches.

Tame and Shandoyse, bare-headed, Philip and Mary after them: then Winchester, Bening field, and Attendants: at the other doore Sussex & Homard, Sussex deliners a petition to the king, the king shewes it to the Queene, she shews it to Winchester and to Bening field: they storme, the king whispers to Sussex, and raises him and Howard, gives them a petitio; they take their leaves and depart, the king whispers a little to the Queene.

Enter Constable and Gage.

Gage: The Princesse thus intreats you honor'd Lord, She may but walke in the lifetenants garden, Or els repose her selse in the Queenes Lodgings: My honor'd Lord, grant this as you did loue The famous Hem? her deceased father.

Conft. Come, talke not to me for I am resolu'd, Nor lodging, garden, nor lieftenants walkes Shall here be granted, shee's a prisoner.

Gage. My Lord, they shall.

Const. How, shall they knaue?

Gage. If the Queene please, they shall.

A noble and right reuered Counsellor,

Promist to begge it of her Maiestie.

And if she say the word, my Lord she shall.

Const. I, if she say the word, it shall be so: My Lord of Winchester speakes the contrary. So do the Clergie they are honest men.

Gage: My honor'd Lord, why thould you take delight. To torture a poore Lady innocent?
The Queene I know when the shall heare of this. Will greatly discommend your crueltie.
You feru'd her father, and he lou'd you well,
You feru'd her brother, and he held you deare.
And can you hate the fister hee best lou'd?
You ferue her fister, the esteemes you hie,
And you may live to serue her ere you dye:
And therefore good my Lord, let this prevaile,

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Onely, the casements of her window ope.

Whereby

Whereby the mayreceiuc fresh gladfome ayre. Const: O you preach well to deafe men! no, not I; So letters may fly in, He none of that, She is my prisoner, and if I durst, But shat my warrant is not yet so strickt, Ide lay her in a dungeon where her eyes Should not have light to read her prayer booke; So would I danger both her foule and body, Cause she an alven is to vs chatholiques, Her bed should be all snakes, her rest dispayre, Torture should make her curseher faithles prayer. Enter Sussex, Howard, and sernants.

Sufs: My lord, it is the pleasure of the Queene, The prisoner Princesse should have all the vse Of the lieftenants garden, the Queens lodgings, And all the libertyes this place affords.

Const: What meanes her grace by that?

Sufs: You may goe aske her and you will my Lord; Moreouer tis her highnes furder pleasure, That her sworne servants shall attend on her, Two gentlemen of her Ewry, two of her Pantry, Two of her Kitchin, and two of her wardrobe, Besides this gentleman here master Gage.

Conft: The next wilbe her freedome, oh this madds me.

How: Which way lyes the Princesse.

Conft: This wayning Lord.

How: This wilbe glad tydings; come let's tell her grace.

Gage: Wilt please your honor, let my Lady (Exant omnes Walke in the leiftenants garden, (preter Constable & Gage. Or may but see the lodgings of the Queene,

Or ope the casements to receive fresh ayre, Shall she my Lord? shall she this freedome vse? She shall: for you can neither will nor chuse. Or shall she have some servants of her owne?

To attend on her? I pray let it be so:

And let your looke no more poore prisoners daunt, I pay deny not what you needes must graum.

Exit Gage. Conft: This base groome flowers me, oh this frets my heart!

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These knaues will iet voon their priuiledge,
But yet ile vexe her, I haue sound the meanes:
Ile haue my Cookes to dresse my meat with hers,
And euery officer my men shall match,
O that I could but draine her hearts deare blood,
Oh it would feed me, doe my soule much good.

Enter the Clowne beating a fouldier; & Excunt. Then enter the Cooke beating another,

Conft. How now, what meane the fellow?

Cooke. Audacious slave presuming in my place.

Const: Sir, t'was my pleasure, and I did command it.

Cooke. The proudest he that keepes within the Tower,

Shall have no eye into my private office.

Const: No fir; why? fay tis I.

Cooke. Be it your selfe or any other here, He make him supperhe horrest broth I have.

Const. You will not.

Cooke: Zounds I will:

Ihaue beene true to her, and will be still. Exit Cooke.

Const. Well, Ile haue this amended er't be long,

And venge my selfe on her for all their wrong. Ex. om

Enter a Boy with a Nofe-gay:

Boy. I have got another Nose-gay for my yong Lady, My Lord said I should be soundly whipt If I were scene to bring her any more, But yet ile venture once againe, she is so good, Oh heer's her chamber, Ile call and see if she be stirring, Where are you Lady?

Enter Flix.

Eliz. Welcome sweet boy, what hast thou brought me there?

Boy. Madam, I haue brought you another Noic-gay,

But you must not let it be seen, for if it be,

Ishall be foundly whipt, indeedla, in deed I shall.

Eliz. God a mercie boy, heer's to require thy love. Exit Eliz.

Enter Constable, Sussex, Howard, and Attendants.

Conft: Stay him, flay him: oh haue I caught you fir,

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Where have you beene?

Boy: To carry my yong Lady some more flowers.

How: Alas my Lord a child, pray let him goe.

Const: Acrastie knaue my Lords, search him for Letters,

Suff: Letters my Lord, it is impossible.

Const: Come, tell me what letter thou carryeds her, Ile give thee figgs and sugar plummes.

Boy. Will you indcede, well ile take your word,

For you looke like an honest man.

Const: Now tell me what Letters thou deliverds.

Boy: Faith Gaffer I know no Letters but great A,

B, and C; I am not come to K yet:

Now Gaffer will you give me my sugar plummes?

Conft: Yes marry will I, take him away, Let him be foundly whipt I charge you firra.

Enter Elizabeth, Gage and Clarentia.

Eliz: They keepe euen Infants from vs, they doe well, My fight they have too long bard, and now my smell: This Tower hath made metall to huswiffry, I spend my labours to relecue the poore,

Goe Gage distribute these to those that neede.

Enter Winchester, Bening field and Tame.

Win: Madan, the Queene out of her royall bountie,
Hath freed you from the thraldome of the tower,
And now this Gentleman must be your gardyan.
I thanke her, she hath ryd me of a Tyrant.
Is he appointed now to be my keeper?
What is he Lords?

Tame: A Gentleman in fauour with the Queene:

Eliz: It feemes fo by his charge: but tell me Gage,

Is yet the Scaffold standing on Tower hill,

Whereon yong Gilford and the Lady Jane did fuffer death?

Gage: Vpon my life it stands not. Eliz: Lord Howard, what is her

How: A Gendeman, tho of a sterne aspect, Yet milde enough I hope your Grace will finde.

Eliz. Hath he not thinke you a firetch't conscience, And if my secret murder should be put into his hands,

Hath

Hath he not heart thinke you to execute?

Howe Defend it heaven, and Gods almightie hand,
Betwixt your grace, and such intendments stand.

Bening: Come Madame, will you goef

Eliz. With all our heart, fare-well, fare-well,

SI am freed from Lymbo, to be fent to hell. Exempt.

Enter Gooke and Pantler.

Cookes What storme comes next? this hath disperst vs quite And shattered vs to nothing; though we be deny'd the presence Of our Mistres, yet we will walke aloose, and none controwle vs.

Pan: Here will she crosse the river, stand in her eye, That she may take some note of our neglected duties.

Enter three poore men.

1. Come, this way they fay, the sweete Princesse comes, Let vs present, her with such tokens of good will, As we have.

2. They say shee's such a vertuous Princesse, that sheets Except of a cup of cold water, and I have even A nose-gay for her Grace, here she comes.

Enter Elmabeth, Beningfield, Gage and Tame.

Omnes: The Lord preserve thy sweete Grace.

Eliz: What are these?

Gage. The townesmen of the country gatheredhere,

To greet your Grace, hearing you passe this way.

Eles. Giue them this gold, and thanke them for their loues. Ben. What traytor knaues are gather dhere to make a tumult?

Omnes: Now the Lord bleffe thy fweet grace.

Benin: If they persist, I charge you soldiers stop their mouthes, Eliz: It shal not need, the poore are louing, but the rich dispise, And though you curbe their tongue, spare them their eres:

Your love my smart alayes not, but prolongs, Pray for me in your hearts not in your tongues. See, see my Lord, looke I have stild them all, Not one amongst them, but debates my fall.

Tame: Alas, sir Harry these are honest countreymen,

That much reioyce to see the Princesse well.

Bening: My Lord, my Lord, my charge is great-

Tame: And mine as great as yours.

Bells

Bening:

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Bennig. Harke, harke my Lord, what Bels are these Gage: The Townes-men of this village, Hearing your highnesse passe this way.

Salutes your comming with a peale of Bels.

Bening. Traytors and knaues, ring Bels

When the Queenes enemy passeth through the Towne,
Goe set the knaues by th heeles, make their pates ring noone,
I charge thee Barnick.

Exit Barnick.

Eliz: Alas poore men, helpe them thou God aboue,

Thus men are forst to suffer for my loue,

VVhat fayd my feruants, those that stand a oofe?

Gage. They deeply coniur'd me our of their loues,
To know how your case goes, which these poore people second,

Eliz. Say vnto them Tanquam Ouis.
Bening. Come away, this lingring will be-night vs.

Tame. Madam, this night your lodging's at my house,

No prisoner are you Madam for this night.

Bening. How, no prisoner?

Tame. No, no prisoner, what I intend to doe, ile answere.

Madam, wil't please you goe? Exit Eliz. Bening, & Tame.
Cooke: Now gentle Master Vsher, what sayes my Lady?

Gage. Thus did she bid me say, tanquam Ouis,

Farewell, I must away . Exit Gage.

1. Tanque Ovrus, pray what's tanque Ourus neighbour?
2. If the Paelt were here hee'd smell it out straight.

Cooke: My selfe hath been a Scholler, and I understand

What tanguam Ours meanes,

VVe lent to know how her Grace did fare, She tanguam Ouis faid, euen like a sheep

That's to the flaughter led.

1. Tanque Ovrus, that I should live to sec, tanque Ovris!

2. I shall neuer loue tanguam Ovris againe, for this tricke, Exert omnes

Enter Bening field and Barwick his man.

Bening: Barnick, is this the chaire of State?

Bar: Ifir, This is it.

Bening: Take it downe, and pull off my boots.

Bar: Come on fir.

Enter

Enter Chomne.

Clow: O monstrous! what a sawsie companion's this? To pull of his bootes in the chayre of state; He sit you a penyworth for it.

Bening: Well faid Barwick, pull knaue.

Bar: A ha Sir. The Clown pulls the charge away.

Bening: Well fayd, now't comes.

Clo: Gods pitty, I thinke you are downe, cry you marcy.

Bening: What saucy arrant Knaue art thou, how?

Clo: Not so sawcy an arrant knaue as your worship

takes me to be.

Bening: Vi lain, thou hast broke my crooper. Clo: I am forry 'tis no worse for your worship.

Bening: Knaue, dost flour me? He beats him, Exeunt, Enter the Engl soman & Spaniard.

Spa: The wall, the wall,

Eng: Sblood Spaniard, you get no wall here, vnleffe you would have your head and the wall knockt together.

Spa: Seignior Caualero Danglatero,

I must have the wall.

Eng: I doe protest, hadst not thou enforst it, I had not regarded it, but since you will needs Haue the wall, Ile take the paines to thrust You into the kennell.

Spa: O base Cauelero, my sword and ponyard well Try'd in Tolledo, shall give thee the Imbrocado.

Eng: Marry and welcome sir, come on. They fight.

Spa; Holo, holo, thou hast given me be buris the Spa-

Tho Canuillado.

Eng: Come fir, will you any more?

Spa: Seignior Cauelero looke behin't theo,

A blade of Tolledo is drawne against thee.

He bookes back, he kills him. Enter Philip, Homard, Suffex, Constable.

and Gresbam.

Phil. Hand that Ignoble groome, Had we not beheld thy cowardize, We should have sworne,

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Such

Such basenesse had not followed vs.

Spa: Oh vostro mandado grand Emperato.

How: Pardon him my Lord.

Phil: Are you respecties of our honor Lords.

That you would have vs bosome cowardice.

I doe protest, the great Turkes Emperie Shall not redeeme thee from a fellons death:

What place is this my Lords?

Sull: Charing Crosse my Leige.

Phill. Then by this crosse where thou hast done this murder. Thou shalt be hang'd, so Lords away with him. Exit Spaniard.

Suff: Your Grace may purchase glory from aboue,

And intyer love from all your peoples hearts,

To make attone ment twixt the wofull Princesse

And our dread soueraigne, your most vertuous Queene.

How: It were a deed worthy of memorie.

Conft. My Lord the's factious, rather could I with

She were married to some private Gentleman,

And with her dower conuavd out of the land.

Then here to stay and be a mutiner,

So may your highnesse state be more secure:

For whilst she lives, warres and commotions,

Foule infurrections will be fet abroch,

I thinke twere not a misse to take her head:

This Land would be in quiet were she dead.

Suff: O my Lord you speake not charitably.

Phil: Nor will we Lords embrace his heedles counsell.

I doe protest as I am king of Spaine,

My vimost power ile streech to make them friends,

Come Lords let's in, my loue and wit ile try

To end this iarre; the Queene shall not deny.

Exeuns. Enter Elizabeth, Bening field, Clarentia, Tame,

Gage and Barwicke.

Eliz. What fearefull terror doth assaile my heart? Good Gage come hither and resolue me true In thy opinion; shall I out-live this night? I pre thee speake. Gage: Out live this night, I pray Madam why?

Eliz.

Eliz: Then to be plaine, this night I looke to die.

Gage. O Madam, you were borne to better fortunes:

That God that made you, will protect you fall From all your enemies that with you ill.

Eliz: My heart is fearefull.

Gage. Omy honor'd Lord,

As cuer you were noble in your thoughts, Speake, shall my Ladie out-live this night, or no?

Tame. You much amaze me sir, else heaven foresend.

Gage. For if we should: imagine any plot, Pretending to the hart of our deere Mistresse, I and my sellowes though farre vnable are To stand against your power, will die together.

Tame. And I with you would spend my decrest blood,

To doe that vertuous Ladie any good. Sir Harrie, now my charge I must resigne,

The Ladie's wholly in your cuflodie,

Yet vie her kindly as the well deferues, And so I take my leaue, Madam adue.

Eliz. My honor'd Lord farewell, vnwilling I With griefe and woe must continue, Helpe me to some inke and paper good Sir Harrie.

Bening: What to doe Madam?

Eliz: To write a letter to the Queene my Sister.

Bening: I finde not that in my Commission.

Eliz: Good Iaylor vrge not thy Commission.

Bening: No Iaylor, but your Guardian Madam,

Eliz: Then reach me pen and inke.

Bening: Madam I dare not, my Commission serues not.

Eliz: Thus you have driven me off from time to time,

Still vrging me with your Commission.

Good Taylor be not to severe.

Bening: Good Madam I entreat you loofe that name Of Iaylor, twilbe a by-word to me and my posteritie.

Eliz: As often as you name your Commission,

So often will I call you Iaylor.

Bening. Say I should reach you pen, inke and paper, Who ist dare beare a letter sent from you?

Ebe.

Eliz: I doe not keepe a servant so dishone sty.
That would deny me that.

Bening: Who cuer dares, none shall.

Gage. Madame, impose the Letter to my trust, Were I to beare it through a sield of pikes, And in my way ten thousand arm'd men ambusht, Ide make my passage through the mid'st of them, And perforce beare it to the Queene your sister.

Bening: Baddy of me, what a bould knaue's this?

Eliz: Gage leave me to my felfe:

Thou euerliuing power that guid'st all harts, Giue ro my pen a true perswassue stile, That it may moue my impacient sisters eares,

And vrge her to compassionate my woe.

Bening field takes a booke and lookes into it.

Bening: What ha's she written here?

He reads.

Much suspected by me, nothing proou'd can be:

Finis quoth Elizabeth the Prisoner.
Marry a God; what's here an English bible?

Santtum Maria, pardon this prophanation of my heart,

Water Barwick, water, He meddle with't no more.

Eliz: My heart is heauie, and mine eyes doe close,
I am wearie with writing, sleepy on the sudden,

Clarentia, leave me, and command some musicke In the with-drawing chamber.

In the with-drawing chamber.

Bening: Your Letter shall be foorth comming Ladie,

I will peruse it ere it scape me now.

Exit Bening.

A Dumbe show.

Enter Winchester, Constable, Barwick, and Fryars: at the other dore, 2. Angels: the Fryars steps to her, offering to kill her: the Angels drive them back. Exeunt. The Angel opens the Bible, & puts it in her hands; Exeunt Angels: shee wakes.

Eliz: O God, how pleasant was this scepe to me!

Clarentia, (aw'ft thou nothing?

Cla: Madame, not I;

I neare flept foundlier for the time.

Eliz. Nor herd it thou nothing?

Cla: Neither Madame.

Eliz:

Shee writes:

Eliz. Did'st not thou put this Booke into my hand? Cla: Madam not I.

Eliz: Then twas by inspiration, heaven I trust With his eternall hand, will guide the jutt. What Chart'rs this? Who so putteth bis trust in the Lord, Shall not be confounded:

My Sauiour thankes, on thee my hope I build, Thou lou'st poore Innocents, and art their shield. Enter Bening field, and Gage.

Bening: Here have you writ a long excuse it seemes,

But no submission to the Queene your sister.

Eliz: Should they submit that never wrought offence? The lawe will alwaies quit wrong'd Innocence:

Gage, take my letter, and to the Lords commend my humble duty.

Gage: Madam I flie, To give this letter to her Maiestie:

Hoping when I recurne,

To give you comfort that now fadly mourne, (Excunt omnes Bening: I doe write and fend, lle crosse you still; (preter Ben:

She shall not speake to any man aliue, But Ile ore-heare her, no letter nor no token Shall neuer haue accesse ynto her hands, But first He see it;

So like a fubiect to my Soueraignes state, I will purfue her with my deadly hate.

Enter Clowne.

Clowne: O Sir Harry, you looke well to your office,

Yonders one in the Garden with the Prince.

Bening: How knaue, with the Princesse? she parted even now, Clowne. I fir, that's all one, but she no sooner came into the

Garden, but he leapt ore the wall, and there They are together busic in talke Sir.

Bening: Heer's for thy paines, thou art an honest sellow: Goe take a Guard and apprehend them straight. (Exit Clowner)

Bring them before me, O this well found out,

Now will the Queene commend my diligent care,

And praise me for my seruice to her Grace.

Ha,

Ha, traytors swarme so necre about my house, Tis time to looke into't; O well sayd Barnicke, Wher's the Prisoner?

Enter Clowne, Barwick, and Souldiers, leading of a Goat, his fword drawne.

Clow: Here he is in a string my Lord.

Bening: Lord bleffe vs, knaue what hast thou there?

Clow: This is he I told you was bufie in talke with the Princesses

What a did there, you must get out of him by examination.

Bening: VVhy knaue, this is a beaft.

Clos So may your worship be for any thing I know,

Bening: What art thou knaue?

Clow: If your worship does not remember me, Thope your worships crooper doth: But if you have any thing to say to this honest fellow,

Who for his gray head and reuerent beard is so like, He may be a kinne to you.

Bening: A kinne to me, knaue lle haue thee whipt.

Clow: Then your worship will cree quittance with my

Posteriors for misvsing of yours.

Bening: Nay, but does thou flout me still?

(He beats him.

Enter Winchester Gresham with paper, Constable with a Pursenant,

Gress: I pray your Honor to regard my hast.

Winch: I know your businesse, and your hast shall stay,

As you were speaking my Lord Constable.

Conft: When as the King shall come to sealethese writs. Gress: My Lord you know his highnesse treasure staies.

And cannot be transported this three months,

Vnlesse that now your honor seale my warrant.

Winch. Fellow what then? This warrant that concerned The Princesse death, shuffle in amongst the rest.

Hee'le nere peru'lt.

Greß: How, the Princesse death? thanks heaven, By whome I am made a willing instrument her life to saue, That may live crown'd when thou art in thy grave.

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Winch: Stand readie purseuant.

That when tis fign'd,

Thou mayst be gone, and gallop with the winde.

Enter Phillip, Suffex, and Gage.

Phil. Our Chancellor Lords, this is our fealing day,

This our flaces bufinefie; is our figner there?

Enter Howard, and Gresham as he is sealing.

How. Stay your Imperial hand, let not your seale imprint Deaths impresse in your sisters heart.

Phil. Our fisters heart! Lo: Howard what meanes this?

How: The Chancellor and that injurious Lord,

Can well expound the meaning.

Winch: Oh chance accurst, how cam he by this notice?

Her life is guarded by the hand of heaven,

And we in vaine pursue it.

Phil: Lord Chancellor, your dealing is not faire,

See Lords, what writs affords it felfe

To the impresse of our seale.

Suff: See my Lord, a warrant for the Princesse death

Before the be conuicted, what jugling call you this? See, see for Gods sake.

Gage: And a Purscuant readie to post away with it, To see it done with speed,

What flintie breaft could brooke to fee her bleed?

Phil: Lord Chancellor, out of our prerogative We will make bold to enterline your warrant.

Suff: VVhose plot was this?

How: The Chancellors, and my Lord Constables.

Suff: How was't reueald?

How: By this Gentleman master Gresham the Kings Agent here.

Suff: He hath shewed his love to the King and Queens maiestie,

His service to his Countrey, and care of the Princesse,

Gress: My dutie to them all.

Phil: In stead of charging of the Sheriffes with her-

We here discharge her keeper Beningsield:

And where we should have brought her to the blocke,

VVe now will have her brought to Hampton Court,

There to attend the pleasure of the Queene.

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(Exit Grefacion

The Pursuiuant that should have posted downe With tydings of her death,

Beare her the messuage of her reprived life,

You master Gage assist his speed, a good daies worke we ha made,

To rescue Innocence so soone betrayd.

Enter Clowne and Clarentia.

Clo: Whether goe you so fait Mistresse Clarential

Cla: A milking.

Clos A milking! that's a poore office for a Madam.

Cla: Better a Milk-maid free, than a Madam in bondage, Oh had it thou heard the Princesse yesternight, Sitting within an arbor all alone to heare a Milke-maid sing, It would have moou'd a slintie heart to melt, Weeping and wishing, wishing and weeping, A thousand times she with her selfe debates, With the poore Milk-maid to exchange estates, She was a Sempster in the tower being a Princesse, And shall I her poore Gentlewoman, disdaine To be a Milk-maid in the Countrey?

Clos Troth you say true, eueric one to his fortune,
As men goe to hanging, the time hath been
White I would ha scorn'd to carie coles, but now the case is alter'd,
Eueric man as farre as his tallent will stretch.

Enter a Gentlewoman.

Wom: Wher's Mistresse Clarentia? to horse to horse, The Princesse is sent for to the Court, She's gone alreadie, come let's after.

Cla: The Princesse gone, and I lest here behinde! Come, come, our horses shall out-strip the winde.

Clow: And Ile not be long after you, for I am fure
My curtall will carry me as fast as your double Gelding. Exeunt.

Enter Elizabeth and Gage.

Elize I wonder Gage, that we have staid solong, So neere the Court, and yet have heard no newes From our displeased sister, this more affrights me Than my former troubles, I seare this Hampton Court Wilbe my grave.

Gage. Good Madam, blot such thoughts out of your minde,

The

The Lords I know, are still about your suit, And make no doubt, but they will so preuaile Both with the King and Queene, that you shall see Their haynous anger will be turn'd to loue.

Enter Howard.

Howard. Where is the Princesse?

Eliz: Welcome my good Lo. Howard, what fayes the Queene,

Will she admit me fight?

How: Madam she will, this night she hath appointed, That she her selfe in person meanes to heare you, Exeunt.

Protract no time, then come lec's hast away.

Enter foure Torches: Phillip, Winchester, Howard, Shandoyse, Bening field,

and Attendants.

Queene. Where is the Princesse?

How: She waights your pleasure at the Common-staires,

Quee: Viher her in by Torch-light.

How: Gentlemen Vihers, and Gentlemen Pentioners, lights

For the Princesse, attendance Gentlemen.

Phill: For her supposed vertues, Royall Queene

Looke on your fifter with a smiling brow,

And if her fault merice not too much hate.

Let her be censur'd with all lenitie,

Let your deepe hatred end where it hegan.

She hash been too long banisht from the sunne. Quee: Our fauour shalbe farre boue her desert,

And the that hath been banishe from the light, Shall once againe behold our cheerefull fight.

You my Lord shall step behind the arrasse,

And heare our conference, weele shew her Grace, For there shines too much mercie in your face.

Phill: We beare this mind, we errors would not feed,

Nor cherish wrongs, nor yet see Innocents bleed.

Quee: Call the Princesse.

(Excunt for the Primee [e, (Phillip behid the arras.

Enter all with Eliz**abeth.**

All forbeare this place, except our fifter now. (Exount omnes. Eliz. That God that rail'd you, stay you, and protect

You

You from your foes, and cleere me from suspect.

Quee: Wherefore doe you cry? To see your selfe to low, or vs so hie.

Eliz: Neither dread Queene, mine is a womanish teare. In part compeld by ioy, and part by feare: loy of your fight, these brinish teares have bread,

For feare of my Queenes frowne, to strike me dead.

Quee: Sister, I rather thinke the're teares of spleen. Eliz. You were my fifter, now you are my Queen.

Quee: I that's you griefe.

Eliz. Madame, he was my foe, and not your friend That hath possess you so, I am as true a Subject to your Grace, as any lives this day: Did you but see.

My heart it bends farre lower then my knee.

Queg: We know you can speake well: will you submit?

Eliz: My life Madam I will, but not as guiltie,

Should I confesse

Fault done by her, that neuer did transgresse? I iov to haue a fister Queene so royall. I would it as much please your Maiestie, That you enjoy a fister that's so true: If I were guiltie of the least offence, Madame, 'twould taint the blood euen in your face; The treasons of the father, being noble, Vnnobles all your children: let your grace Exact all torture and imprisonment, What ere my greatest enemies can deuise: And when they all have done their worst, yet I Will your true subject and true sister dye.

Phil. Myrror of vertue, and bright natures pride, (behindthe Pittie it had been, such beautie should have dy'd,

Quee: You'le not submit, but end as you begin. Stiz. Madam to death I will, but not to finne.

Quee: You are not guiltie then?

Eliz: I thinke I am not.

Quee: I am not of your mind.

Eliz: I would your highnesse were.

Quee How meane you that.

Eliz: To thinke as I thinke, that my fould is closed

Quee: You have been wrong imprison'd then?

Eliz: Ile not say so.

Quee: What ere we thinke, arife and kiffe our hand;

Say God hath raif'd you friends.

Eliz. Then God hath kept his promife.

· Quee; Promise, why?

Eliz: To raile them friends that on his word relie.

Enter Philip.

Phil. And may the heatterns applicated this viritie; Accurft be they that first procured this wrong,

Now by my crowne, you have been kept downe too long.

Quee: Sister this night your selfe shall feast with me,

To morrow for the countrey you are free,

Lights for the Princesse, conduct her to her chamber. Exit Elies

Phil. My soule is joyfull that this peace is made: A peace that pleaseth heaven and earth, and all, Redeeming captive thoughts from captive thrall, Faire Queene, the serious business of my father Is now at hand to be accomplished, Of your faire sight I needs must take my leave, Returne I shall, tho parting cause vs grieve.

Quee: Why should two harts be for'st to separate, I know your busines, but beleeue me sweete,

My foule durines we never more shall meete.

Phil. Yet faire Queene hope the best I shall returne, Who met with joy the now sadly mounte. Exemp Phil & Queen.

Bening: What, droopes your honours

Winch: Oh, I am sicke.

Conft: Where lyes your griefe?

Winch: Where yours and all good subjects els should lyo.
Neere at the heart, this confirmation I doe greatly dread.
For now our true religion will decay,
I doe divine, who ever lives seven yeare.
Shall see no Religion here, but here sye.

Bening: Come, come my Lord, this is but for a shew, Our Queene I warrant wishes in her heart,

Het

Her sister Princesse were without her head.

Winch: No, no my Lords, this peace is naturall.

This combination is without deteit,
But I will once more write to incense the Queene,
The plot is layd, thus it shalbe parform'd:
Sir Harrie, you shall goe attach her seruant

Vpon suspicion of some treacherie,
Wherein the Princesse shall be accessarie:
If this doe faile, my pollicy is downe.
But I grow faint, the feater states on me,
Death like a vulture tyres vpon my heart,
Ile leave you twoo to prosecute this drift,
My bones to earth I give, the aven my soule I list.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Gage, and Clarentia.

Gage. Madam Clarentia, is my Ladie stirring?
Cla: Yes master Gage, but heavie at the heart,
For she was frighted with a dreame this night,
She sayd, she dream'd her sister was new married,
And sat vpon a high Emperiall throne:
That she her selfe was cast into a dungeon.
Whence enemies environ'd her about,
Offering their weapons to her naked breast;
Nay they would scrarcely give her leave to pray,
They made such hast to hurry her away.

Gage. Heaven shield my mistresse, and make her friends increase,

Conuert her foes, estate her in true peace.

Cla: Then did I dreame of weddings, and of flowers,.
Me thought I was within the finest Garden,
That ever mortall eye did yet behold,
Then straight me thought some of the chiefe were pickt
To drosse the Bride, O twas the ratest showe
To see the Bride goe smiling longs the streets,
As if she went to happines eternal.

Gage. Oh most vinhappic dreame, my seare is now As great as yours, before it was but small, Come let's goe comfort her, that loyes vs. all.

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Enter, Adumb (how: fix Torches.

Suffex bearing the Crowne, Howard bearing the Scepter, the Confiable the Mace, Tame the Purse, Shandopse the Sword, Phillip and Mary; after them the Cardmall Poole, Bening field and Attendants: Phillip and Mary confers; he takes leave, and Exit. Nobles bring him to the dore, and returne; she falles in a Swound; they comfort her; a dead march. Enter four with the herse of Winebester with the Scepter & Purse lying on it, the Queene takes the Scepter and Mace, and gives it Cardinall Poole; a sennet, and Exeunt Omnes, preter Suffex.

Suff: Winchester's dead, O God vppó euen at his death, He shewd his malice to the sweete young Princesse, God pardon him, his soule must answere all, Shee's still preserv'd, and still her foes do fall, The Queene is much beforted on these Presares, For ther's another rays'd more base then he, Poole that Arch, for truth and honesty.

Enter Bening field.

Ben: My Lord of Suffex I can tell ill newes,
The Cardinall Poole that now was firmely well,

Is sodenly falne sicke and like to dye.

Suff: Let him goe, why, then ther's a fall of Prelates,

This realme will neuer stand in perfect state, Till all their faction be cleare ruinate,

Enter Constable.

Conft: Sr Harry, doe you heare the whispering in the Court, They say the Queene is erazy, very ill.

Suff: How heard you that?

Const: Tis common through the house.

Enter Howard.

Hom: Tis a fad Court my Lord.
Suff: What's the matter: fay how fayres the Queene?

How: Whether in forsow for the Kings departure,

Or els that Cardinall Poole is fodaynely dead, I cannot tell, but shee's exceeding sicke.

Suf:

Suff: The state begins to alter.

How: Nay more my Lord, I came now from the presence, I heard the Doctors whisper it in secret,

There is no way but one.

Suff: Gods will be done; whose with the Queene, my Lord?

How: The Duke of Norfolke, the Earle of Oxford,

The Earle of Arundell, and divers others.

They are with-drawne into the inward chamber,

Thereto take counsell, and intreat your presence.

Su: Wee'le waight vpon their Honors. (Exeunt amnes.

Enter Elizabeth, Gage and Clarentia aboue.

Eliz: O God, my last nights dreame I greatly feare,

It doth presage my death, good matter Gage

Looke to the path-way that doth come from the Court,

I looke each minute for deaths metlenger.

Would he were here now, fo my foule were pure,

That I with patience might the stroke endure.

Gage: Madam I see from farre a horse-man comming,

This way he bends his speed, he comes so fast

That he is covered in a cloud of dust,

And now I have lost his fight, he appeares againe,

Making his way our Hill, Hedge, Dirch and Plaine;

One after him; they two strine,

As on the race they had wagerd both their lives,

Another after him.

Eliz: O God what meanes this haft?

Pray for my foule, my life cannot long laft.

Gige: Strange and miraculous, the full being at the gate,

His horse hath broke his necke, and cast his rider.

Eliz: This fame is but a prologue to my death,

My heart is guiltlesse though they take my breath.

Enter sir Henry Karew.

Kar: God saue the Queene, God saue Elizabeth.

Eliz: God fauc the Queene, fo all good Subjects fay:

I am her Subiect, and for her still I pray.

Kar: My horse did you allegeance at the gate, For there he broke his necke, and there he lyes,

For I my selfe had much a doe to rife,

The

The fall hath brus'd me, yet I live to cry,

God blesse your grace, God blesse your maiesty.

Gage: Long live the Queene, long live your maiesty.

Eliz: This newes is sweete, my hart was fore affraid:

Rife thou, first Baron that we ever made.

Karen: Thankes to your maiefly, happy be my tongue,

That first breath'dright to one that had such wrong.

Enter fir Iohn Brocket.

Broe: Am I preuented in my haft, O chance accurft!

My hopes did footh me that I was the first;

Let not my dury be ore swayd by spleene,

Long line my Soueraigne, and God saue my Queene.

Eliz: Thankes good Sir Iohn, we will deserve your love.

Enter Howard.

How: Though third in order, yet the first in loue, I tender my allegance to your Grace, Liue long faire Queene, thrise happy be your raigne, He that in-states you, your high state may ntaine.

Eliz: Lord Howard thankes, you ever were our frend,

Ifee your love continues to the end,

But cheefly thankes to you my Lord of Hunsdon.

How: Meaning this gentleman?

Eliz: The very fame;

His tongue was first proclaimer of our name: And trusty Gage in token of our Grace,

We give to you a captaine Pentioners place.

How Madam the Counfell are here hard at hand.

Eliz: We will descend and meet them.

Karen: Let's guard our Soueraigne praying that power.

That can throw downe and rayle within an hower.

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Enter the Clowne, and one more with fag gots.

Cla: Come neighbor, come away, every man his faggot, And his double pot, for toy of the old Oncenes death, Let bells ring, and children fing.

Let bells ring, and children fing, For we may have cause to remember

The scauenteenth day of November.

Enter Lord of Tame,

Tame: How now my mafters what's here to do?

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Clo:



Clo: Fayth making Bone-fiers for icy of the newe Queene, Come fir your penny, and you be a true subject,

You'le battle with vs your faggor, weele be merry yfayth. Tame: And you do well: and yet me thinke twere ht,

To spend some funerall teares upon her hearce.

Who while she liu'd was deere vnto them all.

Clo: I, but do not you know the old prouerbe, We must live by the quicke, and not by the dead.

Tame: Did you not loue her father when he liu'd,

As deerly as you ere did loue any,

And yet reioyced at his funerall:

Likewise her brother, you esteem'd him deere,

Yet once departed, ioyfully you lung,

Runne to make Bone-fiers, to proclaime your loue

Vnto the newe, forgetting Hill the old:

Now the is gone, how you mone for her?

Were it not fit a while to mone her herie,

And dutifully there reloyce the tother;

Had you the wifest and the louingst Prince,

That ever swayd a Scepter in the world,

This is the love he shall have after life:

Let Princes while they live have love or feare, tis fit,

For after death, ther's none continues it.

Clow: By my fayth my Maisters, he speakes wisely, Come, weele to the end of the lane, and there weele

Make a bonfire and be merry.

Faych agreed, ile spend my halfe-penny towards

Another faggot, rather than the new Queene shall

Exempt, manet Tame. Want a bonfire. Tame. I blame you not, nor doe I you commend,

For you will still the strongest ade defend.

Asennet. Enter 4 Trumpetors, after them Sargeant Trumpetor with a Mace, after him Purse-bearer, Suffer with the Crowne, Howard the Scepter, Constable with the Cap of maintenance, Shandor fe with the Sword, Tame with the Collet and a George, foure Gentleme bearing the Canapy ouer the Queene, two Gentlewomen bearing up her trayne, fix gentlemen Penfionors; the Queene takes state.

Omnes.

Omnes. Long liue, long raigne our Soueraigne.

Eliz: We thanke you all.

Suff: The imperial Crowne I heere present your Grace,

With it my staffe of Office and my place.

Eliz: Whil'st we this Crowne, so long your place enjoy,

How: Th'mperiall Scepter here I offer vp.

Eliz: Keepe it my Lord, and with it be you high Admirall.

Const: This Cap of Mainetenance, I present my state

of Office, and my vimost seruice.

Eliz: Your loue we know.

Const: Pardon me gratious Madame, twas not spleene, But that alleageance that I ow'd my Queene.

Madame, I feru'd her truly at that day,

And I as truly will your Grace obay.

Eliz: We doe as freely pardon, as you truly seru'd: Onely your staffe of Office weele displace, In stead whereof, weele owe you greater Grace.

Enter Bening sield.

Bening: Long live the Queene, long live your Maiestie, I have rid hard to be the sits reporter Of these glad tydings sirst; and all these heere.

Suff: You are in your loue as free as in your care, You're come euen iust, a day after the fayre.

Elec: What's he, my Iaylor?

Bening: God preserve your Grace.

Eliz: Be not asham'd.man, looke me in the face, Who have you now to patronize your strictnes on? For your kindnes this I will bestow: When wee have one we would have hardly vo'd. And cruelly dealt with, you shall be the man, This is a day for peace, not for vengeance sit, All your good deeds weele quit, all wrongs remit. Where we lest off, proceed.

Shan: The fword of Iustice, on my bended knee Ito your Grace present, heaven blesse your Raigne.

Eliz: This Sword is ours, this staffe is yours againe.

Tame: This Garter with the Order of the George,
Two Ornaments vnto the Crowne of England,

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To poyze your hand: you are our Cosen,
And descrue to be employed neerer our person:
But now to you from whome we take this staffe.
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To shew all mallice from our breast is worne,
Before you let that Purse and Mace be borne.
And now to London Lords lead on the way.

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Maior: I from this Gitty London, do present This Purse and Bible to your maiesty, A thowsand of your faithfull Cittizens In veluet Coats and Chaynes well mounted, stay To greet their royall Soueraigne on the way.

Prayling that King, that all Kings els obay.

Eliz: We thanke you all: but first this booke I kisse. Thou art the way to honor; thou to bliffe, An English Bible, thankes my good Lord Major, You of our body and our foule have care: This is the lewell that we still love best, This was our folace when we were distrest. This booke that hath to long conceald it felfe, So long thut wp, to long hid; now Lords fee, We here vnclaspe, for ever it is free: Who lookes for joy, let him this booke adore. This is true foode for rich men and for poore, and it Who drinkes of this is certaine ne're to perish, This will the foule with heavenly vertue cheriff. Lay hand uppon this Anchor euery foule, 1982 and 1982 Your names shalbe in an eternall scrowles was the Who builds on this, dwel's in a happic state,

This

This is the fountaine cleere immaculate.
That happie yssue that shall vs succeed,
And in our populous Kingdome this Booke read,
For them, as for our owne sclues we humbly pray
They may liue long and bless; so lead the way.

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This was our solace when we were distrest,

This booke that hath so long conceald it selfe,

So long shut vp, so long hid; now Lords see,

We here vnclaipe, for ever it is free:

Who lookes for toy, let him this booke adore,

This is true foode for rich men and for poore,

Who drinkes of this is certaine ne're to perish,

This will the soule with heavenly vertue cherish,

Lay hand vppon this Anchor every soule,

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